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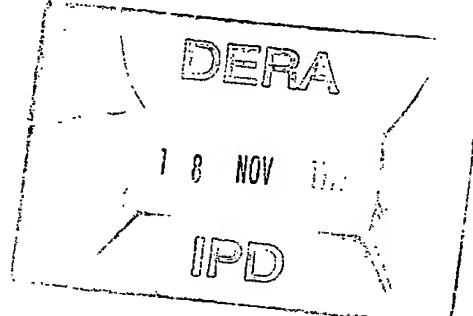
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Dear Sirs

Patents Act 1977: Search Report under Section 17(5)

I enclose two copies of my search report and a copy of the citation.

Plurality of invention

I consider that your application relates to more than one invention as follows:

- (a) Vehicles and methods according to claims 1-3 and 7-9
- (b) Engines and methods according to claims 4-6 and 10-12

My search report relates to the first invention only. If you want the other invention searched, you should file a further Patents Form 9/77.

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Documents considered to be relevant:

Category	Identity of document and relevant passage	Relevant to claims
A	US 5836150 GARCIA	

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